

# Problem Set 6: Predicate Transforms

Hints and Notes

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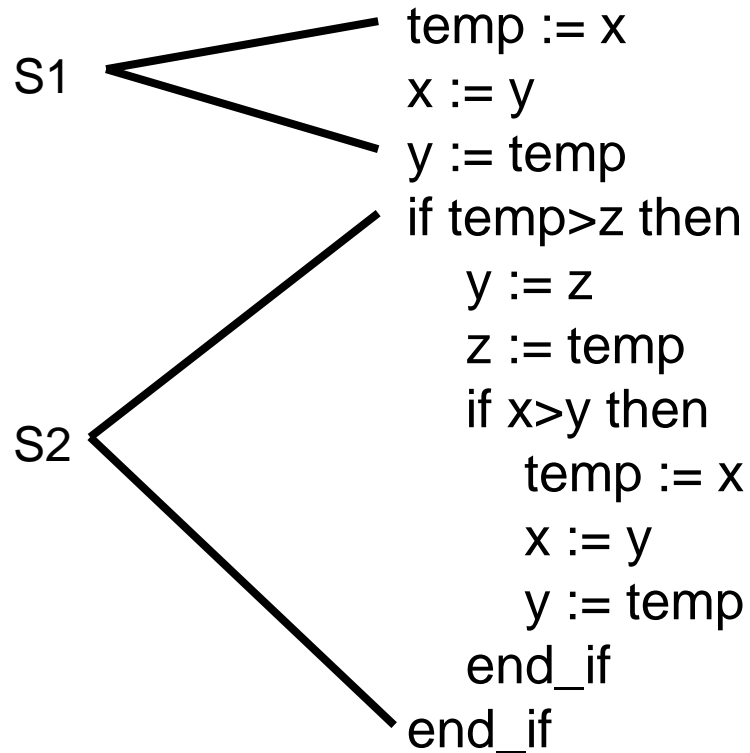
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## 2. Consider the program, S, below:

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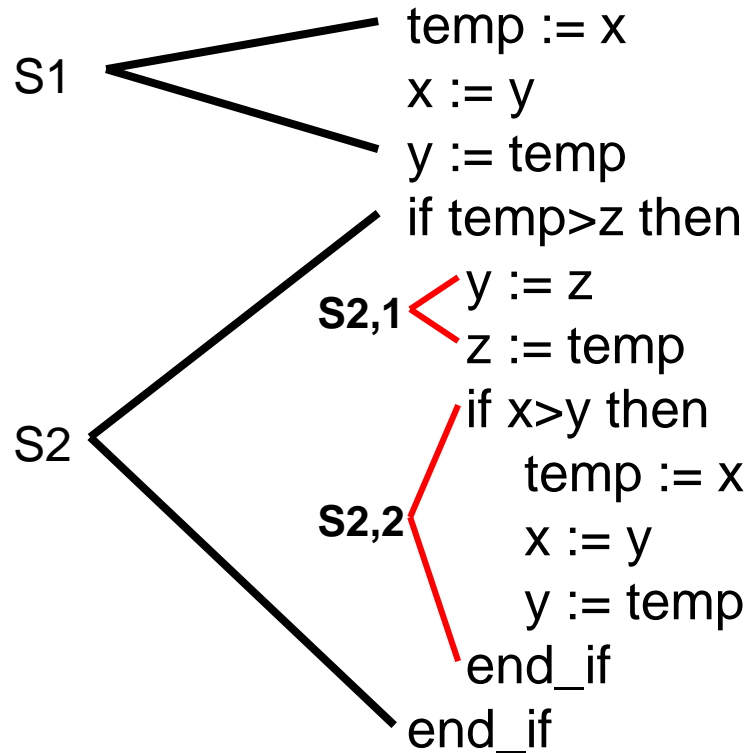
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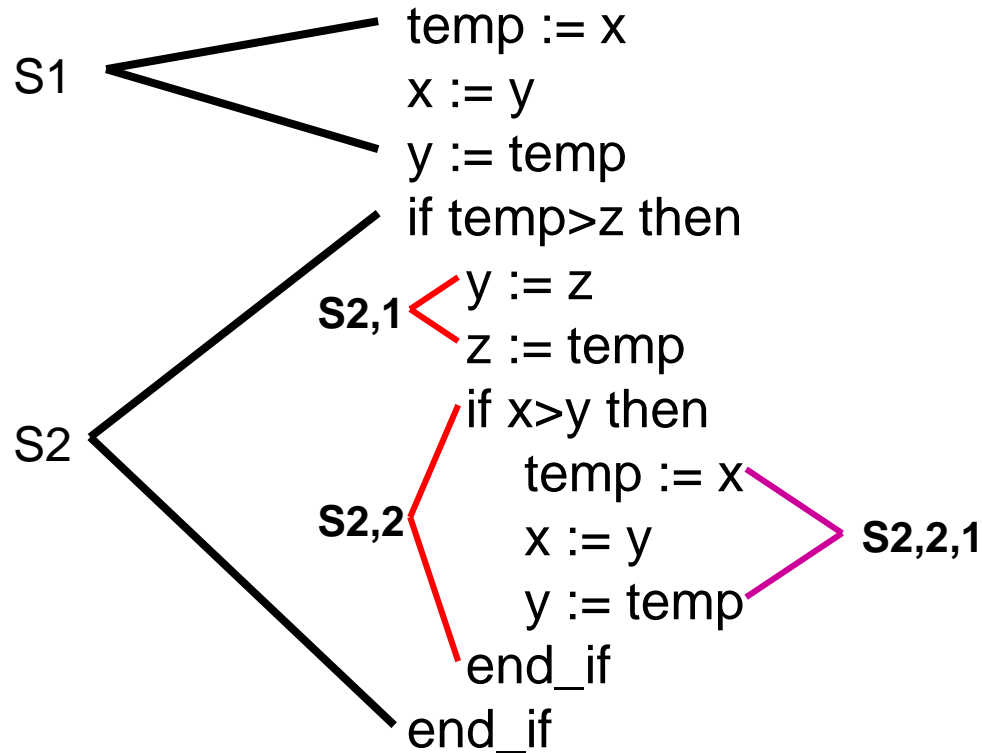


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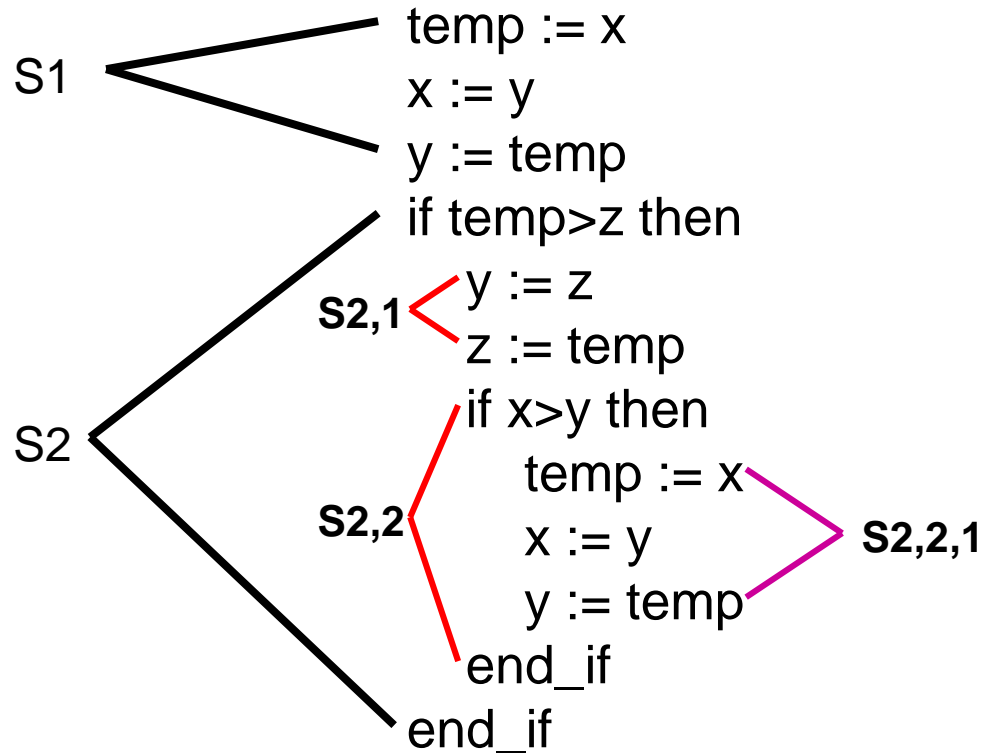
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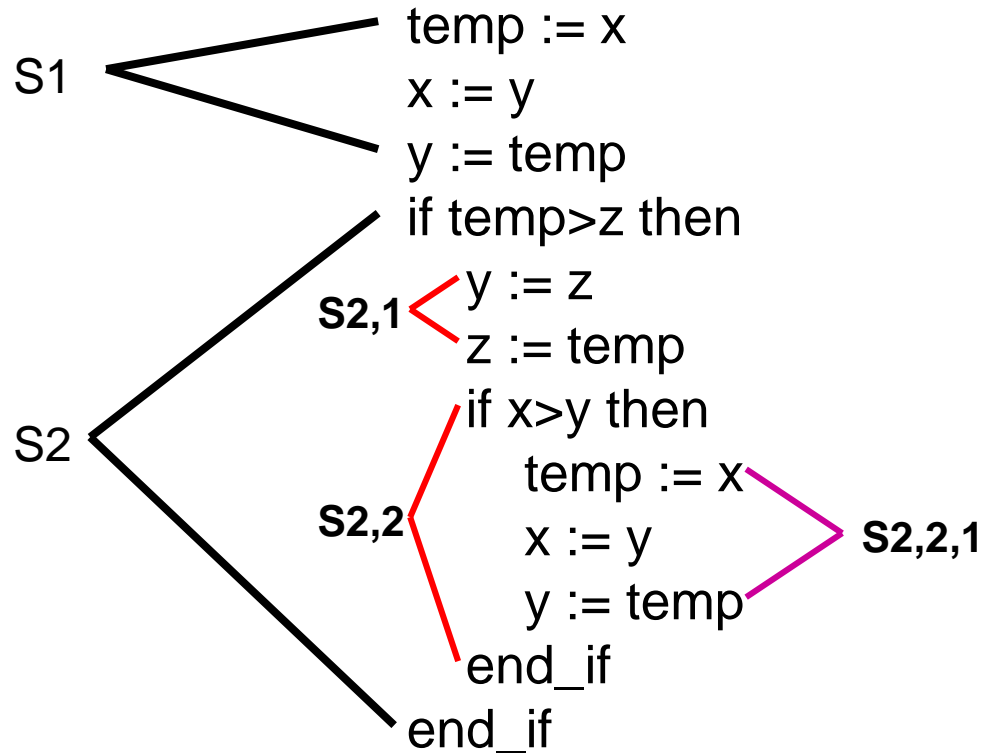
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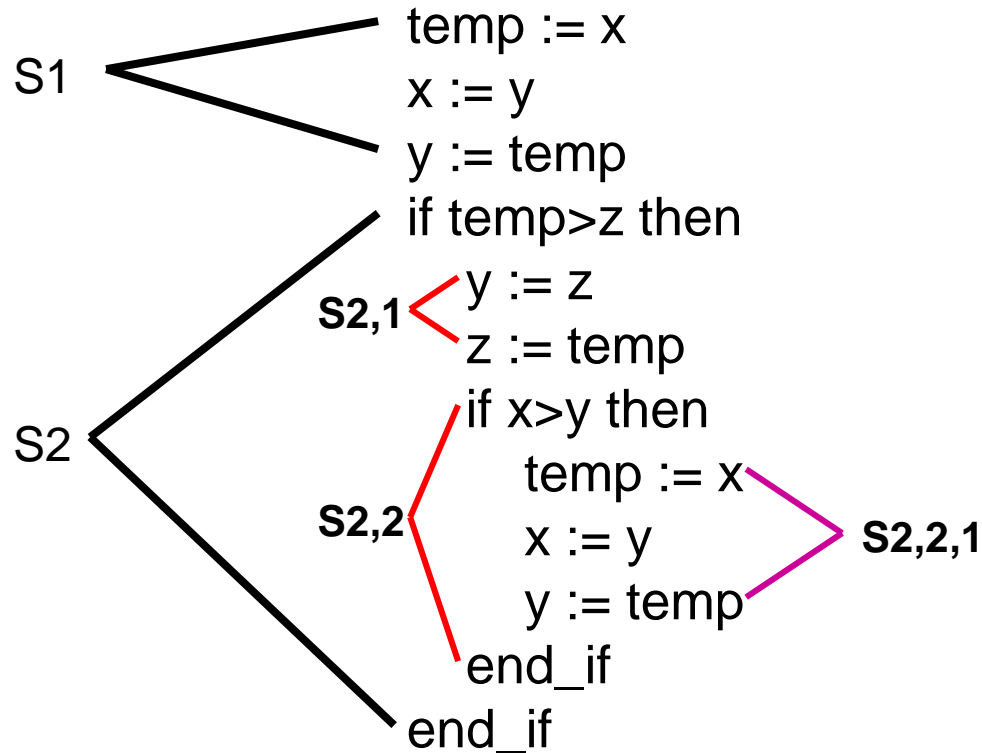
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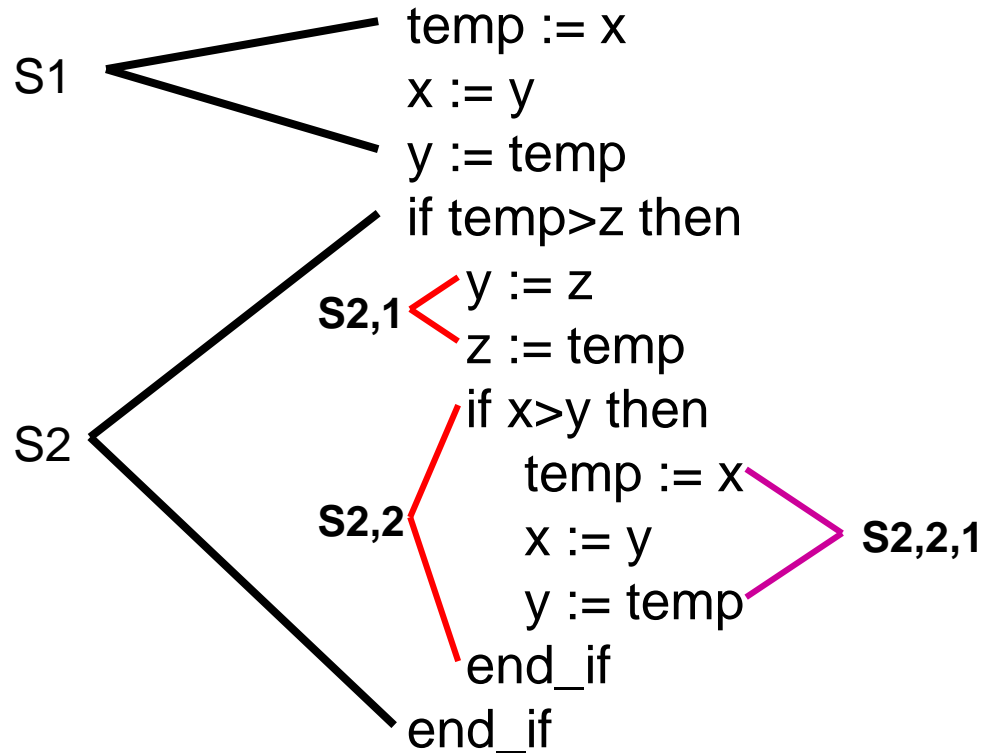
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4. a. Use the wlp rule for while-do statements given in Lecture Notes 20 to find the weakest liberal pre-condition of the following program with respect to the post-condition  $Z=XY$ .

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while  $J \neq Y$  do  
   $Z := Z + X$ ;  
   $J := J + 1$   
end_while
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- b. Consider the invariant,  $I: Z=XJ$ , used with the while-loop ROI to prove the assertion given on slide 11 of Lecture Notes 18. How does it compare in "strength" to the weakest liberal pre-condition from part (a) above? (In particular, is one STRONGER than the other?) Briefly explain your answer.

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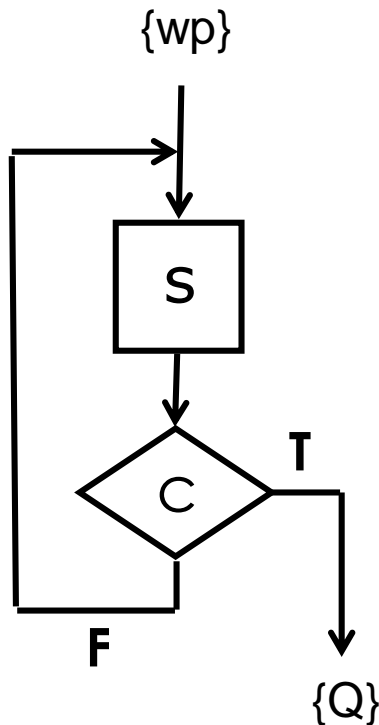
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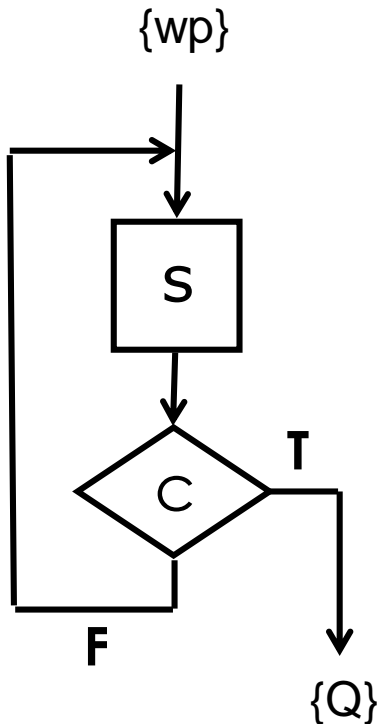
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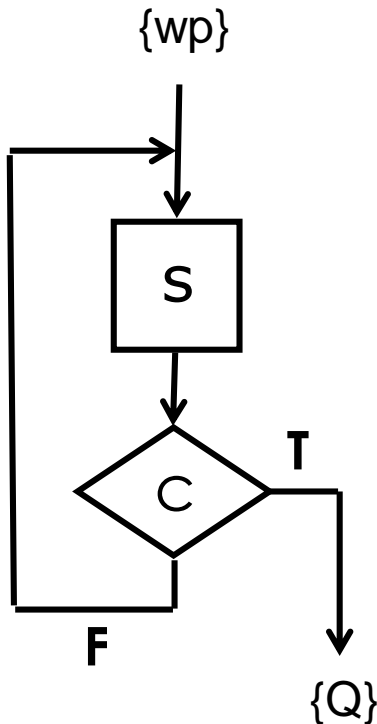


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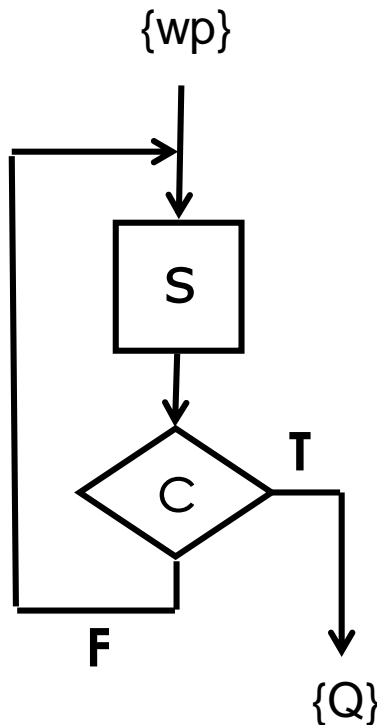


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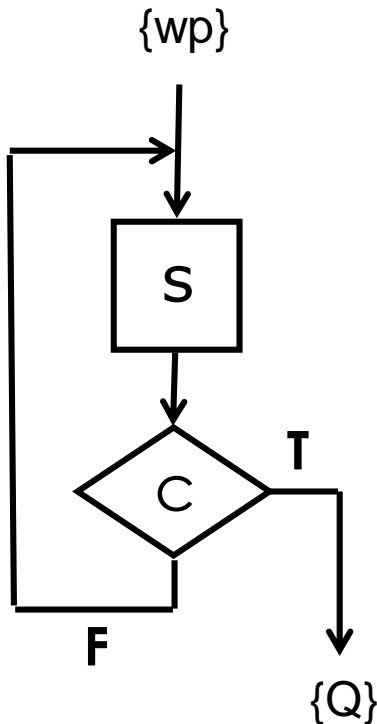


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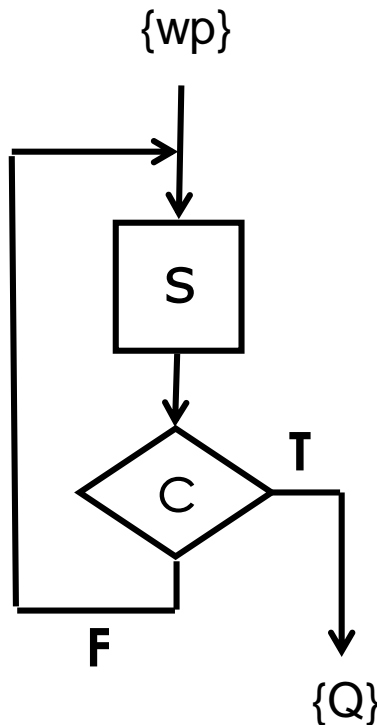
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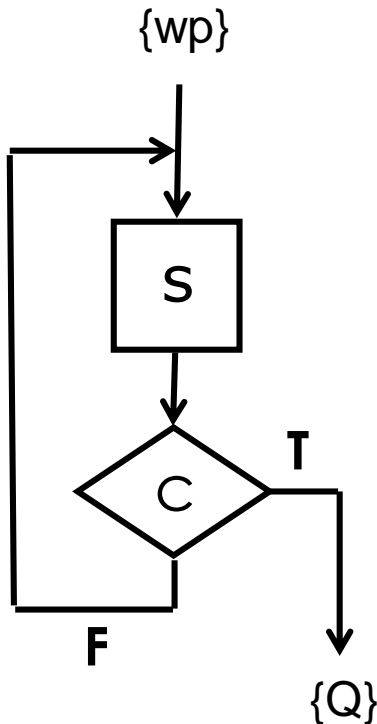
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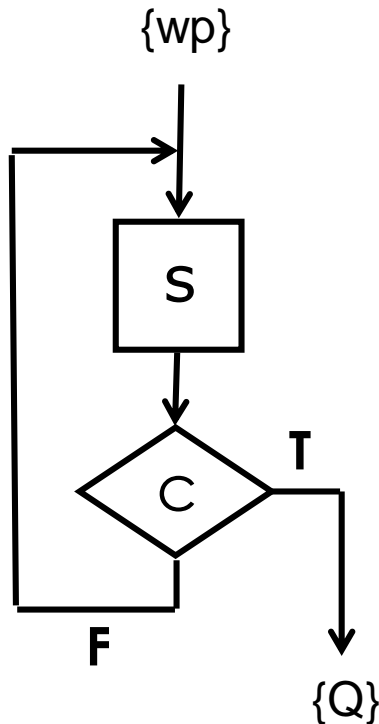
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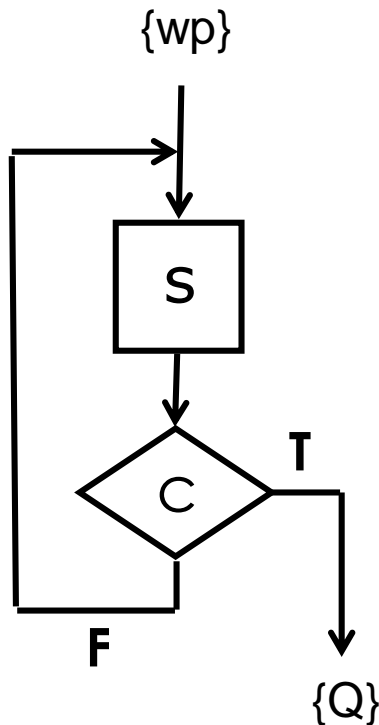
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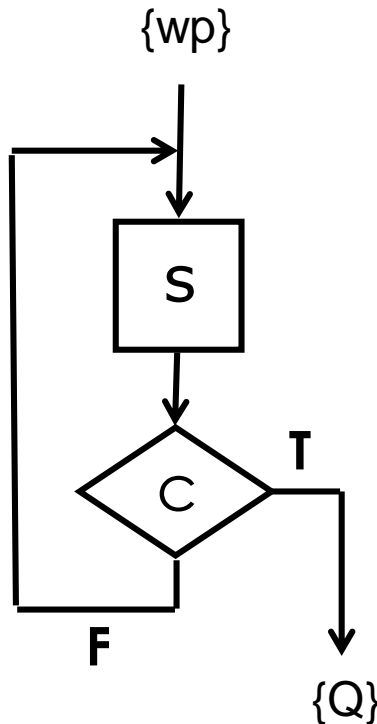
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6. a. Identify  $H_1, H_2, H_3$ , and  $H_k$  such that

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where  $H_i$  represents the necessary and sufficient condition that "Repeat  $s$  Until  $c$ " terminates in state  $Q$  after  $i$  executions of  $s$ . For  $i > 1$ ,  $H_i$  should be expressed as a function of  $H_{i-1}$ .



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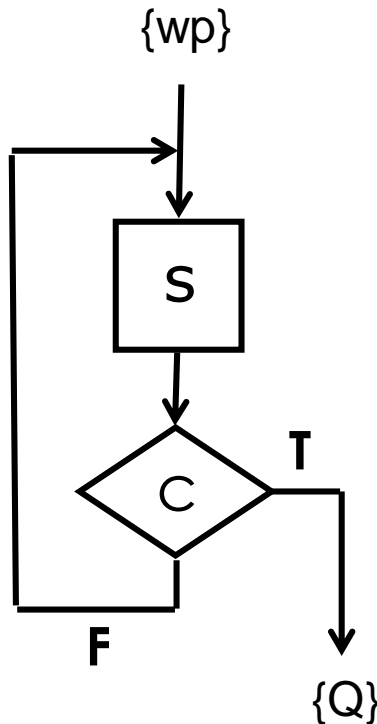
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# Problem Set 6: Predicate Transforms

Hints and Notes